

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit seeks applications from highly qualified candidates for a fourteen-year appointment as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. The position is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. The vacancy will occur on January 31, 2006.

The basic jurisdiction of a United States Bankruptcy Judge is specified in Titles 11 and 28, United States Code, and amendments thereto. To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) Be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and a member in good standing of any other bar of which they are members.
- (2) Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (some substitutes authorized);
- (3) Possess, and have a reputation for, integrity and good character; possess, and have demonstrated, a commitment to equal justice under the law; possess, and have demonstrated, outstanding legal ability and competence; be of sound mental and physical health sufficient to perform the essential duties of the office; and indicate by demeanor, character, and personality that the applicant would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed; and
- (4) Not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, a member of the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council, or to a judge of the district court to be served, within the degrees specified in 28 U.S.C. § 458, at the time of the initial appointment.

A Merit Selection Panel will review all applications and recommend to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, in confidence, persons considered to be best qualified. Appointment follows an FBI and IRS investigation of the candidate chosen by the Court of Appeals. The current annual salary is \$149,132. Applicants shall be considered without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin or disability.

Application forms may be obtained from the Clerk of the U.S. District Court in St. Louis, Missouri; the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in St. Louis, Missouri; and from the Circuit Executive's Office in St. Louis, Missouri (314-244-2600). Applications should be submitted only by the applicant personally and should indicate the applicant's willingness to serve if selected. Applications should be submitted to Ms. Millie B. Adams, Circuit Executive, 111 South 10th Street, Suite 26.325, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-1116, and must be received by September 15, 2005. The U.S. Courts are equal opportunity employers.

**INSTRUCTIONS
MERIT SELECTION PANEL QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR PERSONS BEING CONSIDERED FOR
POSITION OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

All questions must be answered fully. If a question or section is not applicable, please so state. If more space is required, use the "Separate Attachment Form." Please type or print. Complete citations for all cases and articles or texts must be given. It will assist the panel if photocopies of opinions and articles accompany the application. Please give full names and current office addresses and phone numbers (or residence, if no office) for all judicial, professional, personal or other references.

All written inquiries should be directed to Millie B. Adams, Circuit Executive's Office, at the address below. If you wish to obtain a copy of this application via e-mail, please contact the Circuit Executive's Office at (314) 244-2600.

Please be sure you have completed the Questionnaire in its entirety; sign the application and all waivers, and return an original and ten hard copies to:

Office of the Circuit Executive
Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse
111 South 10th Street
Suite 26.325
St. Louis, Missouri 63102-1116

The application must be received in the Office of the Circuit Executive by September 15, 2005.

APPLICATION FOR BANKRUPTCY JUDGE POSITION
EIGHTH CIRCUIT

POSITION IN THE DISTRICT(S) OF: _____

PART A - PERSONAL BACKGROUND

1. FULL NAME:

Other Names by which known:

Residence:

Phone:

Office:

Phone:

Residences past five years, with dates:

Birthdate:

Place:

Marital Status:

Spouse's Name:

Number of Children:

Ages:

2. Are you related, by blood or marriage, to a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit or a judge of any United States District Court?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, supply details:

3. Have you served in the U.S. or other military service? Yes _____ No _____

Branch of service:

Dates:

Type of Discharge:

Date:

4. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic offenses)?
Yes _____ No _____

If yes, state the facts and circumstances fully including date, court and disposition.

5. Describe any civic, philanthropic, community, social or public service activities participated in during the past five years, including any posts or offices held, and honors or awards received.

6. If you are appointed, how will the salary of the office compare to your recent annual income?

Substantially More **G**

Substantially Less **G**

Comparable **G**

7. Please state why you personally feel qualified to hold the office. Include any special professional, occupational or other experience you have had which you feel should be considered by the panel in its evaluation.

8. What is your general state of health?

When was your last general physical examination?

What were the results?

Doctor's Name:

Have you in the last ten years

- (a) been hospitalized due to injury or illness?
Yes _____ No _____

- or (b) been prevented from working due to injury or illness, or otherwise incapacitated for a period in excess of ten days?
Yes _____ No _____

If you answered yes to one or both questions (a), (b) listed above, please state particulars, including the causes, dates, place of confinement, name and address of attending physicians,

and the present status of the condition which caused the confinement or incapacitation.

Do you suffer from any impairment of eyesight or hearing or any other physical handicap? Yes _
_____ No _____ If yes, state details below.

Are you currently under treatment for an illness or physical condition?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state details below.

Have you ever been treated for or had any problem with alcoholism or any related condition, or
any other form of drug addiction or dependency?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state details below.

Have you ever been treated for or suffered from any form of mental illness?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state details below.

NOTE: All candidates must complete, sign and return the physician's authorization and waiver form. A signed copy must be sent to your regular or family physician and the physician listed in Question 8 herein, if different. You may photocopy the form.

PART B - EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

9. **High School:**

NAME

DATE

DEGREE

College: (Include nonlegal graduate work.)

NAME

DATE

DEGREE

(In addition to the above information, describe any honors or awards received.)

Law School:

NAME

DATE

DEGREE

CLASS RANK

(In addition to the above information, describe any honors, awards, law review, other activities or achievements, and class standing.)

10. Describe any other formal education or courses other than primary and legal.

11. List all seminars, symposiums, lectures, or legal meetings in the nature of continuing legal education which you have attended in the past five years, stating as to each: date, place, sponsoring organization, subject(s).

List all those in which you have participated as speaker, lecturer, panelist, etc., identifying your role and subject(s) or topic(s).

12. If you have ever taught or lectured at a law school, please state the school(s); date(s); subject(s); your title, status or role.

13. Describe any nonlegal teaching or lecturing you have done.

PART C - PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND

14. Name all states, courts, and administrative agencies or tribunals before which you have been admitted to practice, dates admitted; state whether you are currently admitted and whether you actively practice there now. Do not include special admission for a particular case.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>COURT, AGENCY, ETC.</u>	<u>ADMISSION</u>	<u>CURRENT?</u>	<u>ACTIVE?</u>
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15. Do you actively practice law in any other state? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, describe extent and nature of practice.
16. List articles, treatises, text or handbook chapters on legal matter which you have had published, giving the complete citation, including publisher, date, title, and subject matter. List names, current office addresses and phone numbers of any person(s) who coauthored, collaborated or assisted you in the writing or research. Please enclose copies, excepting texts and chapters. If you have written extensively, submit only several representative selections.
17. Bar Associations and Activities.
- List all national, state, local, specialty, honorary and other bar associations or legal societies of which you have been a member. List each committee membership and other activity; offices held; whether you are now a member in good standing, and, if not, why.

18. List any judicial or quasijudicial office you have held. Do not include present judicial office.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PERIOD OF SERVICE</u>	<u>FULL OR PART-TIME</u>
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19. List any elective public office you have ever held (other than judicial or quasijudicial).

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PERIOD OF SERVICE</u>
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20. List any appointive public office you have ever held, other than judicial or quasi judicial.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FULL OR PART-TIME</u>
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21. List any elective public office for which you were an unsuccessful candidate.

OFFICE

LOCATION

DATE

22. Current professional practice or occupational status, whether law-related or not.

Describe your title, position, duties or type of practice, and inception date. List names, current addresses and phone numbers of partners, associates or persons with whom you share office.

23. Prior legal or law-related professional status.

Give a brief history of your legal career in inverse chronological order. Begin with the most recent experience prior to your present status.

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TYPE OF PRACTICE</u>
By Years	City, County State	Sole Practice partner, associate office sharer	Probate, general ins. etc.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

List the names and current office phone numbers of partners, office sharers, etc. for the same periods stated.

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NAME OF LAWYER</u>	<u>STATUS OF LAWYER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
By Years		Partner, associate, office sharer		
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

24. Indicate the approximate percentage of your time in the past five years devoted to the following types of practice. (Note: Litigation includes, in addition to actual time in court or tribunal, preparation therefor. "Court" indicates federal and state judicial system; "Trib" indicates quasijudicial bodies, e.g. Industrial Commission, NLRB hearings, etc. "Non-Lit." indicates practice not involving litigation.)

<u>TYPE OF PRACTICE</u>	<u>LITIGATION</u>		<u>NON-LITIGATION %</u>
	<u>COURT %</u>	<u>TRIB %</u>	
Anti-trust & Trade Regulation			
Bankruptcy			
Chancery (Matrimonial)			
Chancery (Other)			
Corporate and Securities			
Criminal			
Environmental			
Labor Relations			
Patent			
Probate and Estate Planning			
Real Estate			
State and Local Government			
Tax (Federal)			
Tax (State, Local)			
Tort (Personal Injury)			
Tort (P.D., Subrogation)			
Worker's Compensation			
Pro Bono or Public Service			

Other _____

25. Jury trial experience in past five years:

As Trial Counsel:

Number of jury cases to verdict: Civil _____ Criminal _____

Number of jury cases started but
which did not go to verdict: Civil _____ Criminal _____

As Preparation Counsel:

Number of jury cases commenced: Civil _____ Criminal _____

26. Nonjury trial experience in past five years:

Number of contested nonjury
cases commenced: Civil _____ Criminal _____

Number of noncontested cases
involving court appearances in the past five years: _____

27. Appellate Practice

Number of cases personally handled by you as principal counsel on appeal: _____

Number of cases orally argued: _____

List the five most recent cases personally argued by you.

CASE NAME

CITATION

YEAR

Only one copy of the opinions should be attached.

Number of cases on appeal handled in part by you: _____

List the five most recent. Indicate with a “B” if you appeared on the brief.

<u>CASE NAME</u>	<u>CITATION</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>B</u>
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Only one copy of the opinions should be attached.

28. Nonlaw-Related. Professional and Occupational Background.

List all professional or occupational licenses (other than law) which you have ever held. If license is still current, indicate with a “C”.

<u>LICENSE</u>	<u>ISSUING AUTHORITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>C</u>
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If any such license has ever been revoked or suspended or if your conduct has been the subject of other discipline or complaint to the licensing authority or its disciplinary body, state fully the facts and circumstances and the disposition. If you have nothing to report check here. _____

Describe fully all nonlaw-related professions or occupations pursued since your first admission to the bar, giving dates, company names, duties, reasons for leaving, etc.

PART D - PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL CONDUCT

29. Has your license or right to practice before or in any state, court agency, or other tribunal ever been denied, revoked or suspended? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state the facts and circumstances fully.

Have you ever been formally censured, adjudged, or held in contempt or otherwise disciplined by any judge, court, agency or tribunal? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state the facts and circumstances fully.

Has your professional conduct or ability been the subject of comment, favorable or unfavorable, in a written opinion of any judge, court, or other tribunal?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, attach a copy of the opinion and state any facts and circumstances you feel appropriate.

30. Have you been the subject of any complaint filed with or made to any attorney disciplinary body? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state fully the facts and circumstances and the disposition of the matter.

Have you ever been the subject of any complaint filed with or made to any similar authority of any other court or state? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state fully the facts and circumstances and the disposition of the matter.

31. Have you ever been the subject of any complaint filed with or made to any bar association or committee thereof? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state fully the facts and circumstances and the disposition of the matter.

32. Have you ever sued or been sued by a client? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state fully the facts and circumstances; the court and case number; names, addresses and phone numbers of your attorney and all other counsel; and the disposition of the matter.
33. Have you ever been a party to or otherwise personally involved (other than as counsel and as defined in Question 32 above) in any litigation? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, state the court, case number and style, the nature of the case and the circumstances of your involvement, the names and current phone numbers of your attorney and of any attorney representing an interest adverse to yours, and the disposition.
34. With respect to judicial services, if any:
- Have you participated in any proceeding in which you had stock or other financial interest in one of the parties or in the matter in controversy? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give details below.

To your knowledge, have you ever failed to comply with applicable statutes and the code of judicial conduct relative to such matters in force and applicable at that time.

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give details below.

Have you ever received compensation from outside sources for legal or other services rendered while holding judicial office, including lectures and teaching (fees or expenses)?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give details below.

35. Have you been the subject of favorable, unfavorable or other comment in the media?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give particulars.

36. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or

local authorities? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give particulars.

NOTE: All candidates must complete, sign and return the authorization forms relating to disciplinary and grievance matters.

PART E - PERSONAL AND JUDICIAL REFERENCES

37. State the names and current phone numbers of at least five, but no more than ten, persons (of whom at least four must be lawyers not associated with you in the practice of law or in business) as references to your character and ability; state how long each has known you. Your references must have had adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability. Describe the status of nonlaw references.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF ACQUAINTANCE</u>
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State the names, addresses and current phone numbers of not more than five judges (of whom at least three must be active) with whom you are not and have not been associated in the practice of law or in business and before whom you have appeared recently in matters which would afford them an opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability. If yours is a nonlitigation practice, list such judges, if any, who have had opportunity to observe you in bar association or other activities. Indicate with an "X" those before whom you have appeared in court or other judicial bodies.

<u>JUDGE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>DATE AND NATURE OF MOST RECENT MATTER</u>
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PART F - ADVERSARY REFERENCES

38. State names, addresses, and current phone numbers of lawyers who have represented adverse positions in matters handled by you in the past two years. There are two categories, litigation and nonlitigation. List up to twenty lawyers. Do not list the name of a lawyer more than once in either category. If you have had multiple matters with a listed lawyer, indicate that fact with an "M" following the name and supply additional matters or cases.

(a) Litigation Matters:

<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>CASE NO. & STYLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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(b) Nonlitigation Matters:

NAME & ADDRESS PHONE

NATURE OF MATTER

DATE

39. State any other information which you believe to be relevant to the panel's review.

NOTE: Remember to return all authorizations and attachments with your return of this questionnaire.

I hereby certify and declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application/questionnaire is to the best of my ability accurate, true and complete. I further certify that I will be willing to serve, if appointed.

_____ (Print or Type)
Name

Signature

Date _____

Confidentiality Statement to Applicant:

This questionnaire will be examined only by members of the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council, the Judges of the Court of Appeals, and the Merit Selection Panel. The information will be kept confidential. Names listed in your application as references, employers, colleagues, and other individuals may be contacted by the panel.

SEPARATE ATTACHMENT FORM

Separate attachment to:

Part _____

Question _____

WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

In connection with my application for a position as a United States Bankruptcy Judge, I hereby authorize the custodian of any records or information to permit the examination or receipt of such information, whether written or oral, by the Merit Selection Panel of the U.S. Courts for the Eighth Circuit. I also authorize the Merit Selection Panel or its staff to consult with my former employers, my current employer, my professional colleagues, my references, and my physician, with regard to matters pertinent to my qualifications for such position

Name: _____ (Print or Type)

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION AND WAIVER

TO:

Physician _____

Address _____

Phone _____

In connection with my application for the position of U. S. Bankruptcy Judge in the Eighth Circuit, I hereby authorize any person designated by the Merit Selection Panel to communicate orally (including by telephone) and/or in writing with the physician named above with regard to my physical and mental condition and history, and any care, treatment and advice given me.

I further authorize and direct the physician named above to communicate to such person orally (including by telephone) such information regarding my physical and mental condition, care, treatment and advice sought by such person and to supply a written statement if requested by such person. For these purposes, I hereby waive any physician-patient privilege that may exist.

Name: _____ (Print or Type)

Address: _____

Phone _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE TO CANDIDATE: Please forward one signed original to physician; and return one signed original with your application/questionnaire.

AUTHORIZATION AND WAIVER

In connection with my application for the position of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in the Eighth Circuit, I hereby authorize the administrators of the disciplinary and inquiry bodies of any court, bar or other association to disclose to the Merit Selection Panel all information contained in the files of such bodies concerning my present professional status, all complaints which have been made against me, together with the disposition thereof. I expressly waive whatever right I may have to confidentiality of the foregoing information.

Name: _____ (Print or Type)

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____